

What to Do & Who to Contact

Whether you are the shipper, a driver for UPS, Federal Express or other delivery service, or are the recipient of a package you did not authorize (perhaps ordered by an underage person in your home) your best course of action is to refuse delivery until proper certification can be obtained.

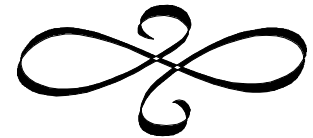
If you are a delivery person, question the contents of a box that is marked “adult signature required.” In most states being an adult occurs at 18. However, the earliest age for legal alcohol purchase is not until age 21. If the package has no identifying marking on it but comes from a party store, pub, winery, distillery or other alcohol linked business, ask for ID from the recipient of the package.

If you are the recipient of an unknown package and do not recognize the sender, simply refuse the package.

If you have any questions about interstate or Internet alcohol sales contact your local law enforcement agency or the Michigan Liquor Control Commission at (517) 322-1370.

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Shipping & Receiving Alcohol in Michigan



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THE ROLE OF THE MICHIGAN LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION

The Michigan Liquor Control Commission (MLCC) was created by the Legislature in Act No.8, P.A. of 1933 (Ex. Sess.) Following the repeal of Prohibition.

The Commission was created to control the alcoholic beverage traffic within the state. This responsibility includes the licensing of businesses that sell alcoholic beverages, the enforcement of liquor laws, and the collection of excise and specific taxes.

In Fiscal Year 1997-98 revenue collected from licensing functions was over \$9.2 million. In a joint effort with local and state enforcement officers over 3,000 liquor violations were written. And revenues to the state via excise and specific taxes exceeded \$231 million.

Besides going to the State's General Fund and the Liquor Purchase Revolving Fund, revenue from taxes on alcoholic beverages are directed to local governmental units, to the School Aid Fund, and to the Convention Facilities Fund.

LICENSED SELLERS ONLY!

A license is required to sell alcohol in Michigan. The license is issued by the State Liquor Control Commission.

A liquor "License" is a contract between the commission and the licensee granting authority to that licensee to manufacture and sell, or sell, or warehouse alcoholic liquor in the manner provided by Act 58 of 1998 (MCL 436.1107(10)).

Several consequences result from the sale of alcohol via unauthorized channels:

- ◆ First, alcohol is more available to minors.
- ◆ Second, distributors avoid payment of taxes on the sale of alcohol.
- ◆ Third, distributors are often able to avoid state quality control laws.
- ◆ Fourth, responsible local suppliers may be closed due to lack of business.

Senate Bill S 577 IS and House Bill 2013 have been introduced to give state attorneys more power to enforce their laws by giving states authority to bring actions in **Federal Court for violation of state alcohol laws.**

COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

Protect yourself from costly litigation and possible criminal investigation for the violation of Michigan Liquor laws.

- ◆ Do not purchase alcoholic beverages from unauthorized sources. All retail licensees must buy beer and wine from designated licensed wholesalers. All liquor must be purchased from the state and delivered by an Authorized Distribution Agent (MCL 436.1203 and .1205).
- ◆ Do not deliver any packages marked "adult signature required" without knowing the contents of the package and its origin - the supplier must be licensed in the state of Michigan and the recipient **MUST** be 21 years or older to receive any alcoholic beverage and **NOT** visibly intoxicated.
- ◆ Ask if the alcohol shipper is licensed to sell alcohol in Michigan. You can contact the MLCC to verify a license.
- ◆ Contact local law enforcement or the Liquor Control Commission at (517) 322-1370 if you suspect unauthorized alcohol delivery is taking place.

